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Subject: Statement from South Ossetian President Eduard Kokoity in response to EU report

Importance: High

Please consider the attached statement from South Ossetian President Eduard Kokoity in your coverage of the EU report released today.

Feel free to contact us if you need further information from the government of South Ossetia. We can also provide background information from the governments of South Ossetia and Abkhazia on the militarization of Georgia and U.S. support for Georgia.

Best regards,

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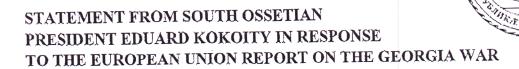
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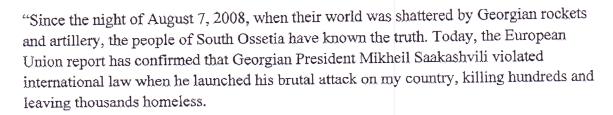
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"Saakashvili is a war criminal and it is time for the world to stop rewarding him with billions of dollars in aid and military equipment. If the West is serious about promoting peace in the Caucasus it must hold Georgia's president responsible for his reckless behavior and reconsider its misguided policies. To continue to arm and finance a leader who launched a military attack that killed innocent civilians is abhorrent.

"There is no going back. South Ossetia is an independent nation and will never again be part of Georgia."

-Eduard Kokoity, President, The Republic of South Ossetia